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SUBJECT: MODE - EVALUATION OF PERSONNEL LEVELS BY CHIEF OF MISSION

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1. WE HAVE BEEN DEEPLY INVOLVED IN GORM EXERCISE AND I AM PERSONNALLY CONVINCED THAT OUR STAFF IN SAUDI ARABIA IS ALREADY SMALLER THAN WE NEED TO DO OUR JOB. U.S. INTERESTS IN SAUDI ARABIA HAVE EXPANDED GREATLY SINCE 1973. GIVEN THE PRESENT OUTLOOK FOR ENERGY SUPPLY AND DEMAND IN THE 1980'S AND OUR CURRENT BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEMS, WE MUST CONTINUE TO PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO OUR RELATIONS WITH SAUDI ARABIA. AS I AM SURE YOU KNOW, SAUDI ARABIA WILL HAVE THE MOST IMPORTANT, AND PROBABLY THE DECISIVE, VOICE ON OIL MATTERS IN THE 1980'S AND THE SAUDIS ARE LAUNCHED INTO A DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM THAT WILL TOTAL AS MUCH AS 200 BILLION DOLLARS OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

2. OUR STAFF HAS EXPANDED SOMEWHAT BUT NOT FAST ENOUGH TO STAY UP WITH THE GROWING WORKLOAD. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT OUR CURRENT LEVEL OF POSITIONS COULD BE CUT WITHOUT ADVERSELY AFFECTING IMPORTANT U.S. INTERESTS.

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